MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has just inspected the lands and he has issued orders to the Division Officer to take the necessary action.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government ask the Chief Engineer to expedite the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Monipalli-Piravam Road.

211. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the road from Monipalli to Piravam is fit for cart traffic; and

(*b*) if not, whether they will issue necessary orders to make it fit for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No, not the entire length.

(*b*) Yes.

Arur-Kuttiatodu and Arukutti-Shertallai Roads.

212. MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the budget allotment provided last year (1101) for gravelling the roads from Arur to Kuttiatodu and from Arukutti to Shertallai;

(*b*) whether the amount was spent for this purpose; and

(*c*) if not, why?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no provision in the budget for 1101 for gravelling the road from Arur to Kuttiatodu. A sum of Rs. 3,000 was provided in the budget for 1101 for gravelling the road from Arukutti to Shertallai, miles 1 to 5.

(*b*) Rs. 2,185 out of the allotment for the latter work was spent for that purpose and the balance was utilised for other urgent works.

(*c*) At the time provision was made in the budget there was no sanctioned estimate for the work. By the time estimate was prepared and the Government sanction obtained, there was not time enough to spend the full allotment during the year.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know, the nature of the work for which this amount was spent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The money provided must have been spent for the gravelling of the road.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is the member aware of any road that has been *actually* gravelled from Arur to Kuttiatodu?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information available is that provision is made for gravelling the road (miles 1 to 5) from Arukutty to Shertallai, and Rs. 2,185 has been spent for this purpose.

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MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is it for gravelling purpose only?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say that now.

MR. K SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): May I know when the estimate was prepared and sanction obtained?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information.

Alleppey-Shertallai Road.

213. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Alleppey-Shertallai road will be ready for traffic; and

(*b*) whether the only bridge on this road has been completed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The gravelling of the Alleppey-Shertallai road was expected to be completed by the end of Audi last and the road will be available for light traffic from the middle of Chingam.

(*b*) The masonry of the bridge is completed and arrangements are being made to provide a platform and this will also be completed by the middle of Chingam.

Shertallai-Arthinkal Road.

214. **MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the sanctioned thickness of the coating of the Shertallai-Arthinkal road;

(*b*) its sanctioned width;

(*c*) whether this road was inspected by the Chief Engineer;

(*d*) whether it was inspected by the Executive Engineer at any time during the year 1102;

(*e*) whether the Chief Engineer has received any letter or letters stating the poor quality of this road; and

(*f*) if so, the action taken thereon?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 4 inches.

(*b*) 10 feet.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) A maintenance grant has been sanctioned for the road and it will be kept in good condition.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): With reference to part (*d*), may I know whether the Chief Engineer was satisfied with the condition of the road that he saw at the time of his inspection?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is not contended that the road is in good condition.

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